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Do the Workers Produce All Value?

LISTEN NOT TO THE LIES OF THE CAPITALISTS' HIRED INTELLECTUAL PROSITUTES.

GET THE FACTS—THE PROOF FOR YOURSELVES—ORGANISE TO TAKE ALL THAT YOU PRODUCE.

Man and Tools.

Man has never been an individualist. In primeval times our primitive ancestors were as crude, and almost as helpless as the lower animals. They had no control over the natural forces, and their productive capacity was not much above that of the animals. But living among many animal enemies it was imperative for primitive man to herd with his fellows for purposes of defence. Thus, from the beginning, man has only been able to develop **individually, by organising socially.**

Human society begins when man, as distinguished from his animal ancestors, groups together in a semi-orgasised manner to make and to use tools. Mutual association is not, however, a purely human attribute. The social instinct is also present in the animal world. It must not be assumed that mutual aid is brought about, as sentimentalists assume, because the units do not desire to fight or struggle. **Mutual effort, like all forms of combination, is due in most cases to the desire to improve the conditions under which the struggle can be best waged.** Just as certain animals can hunt best in the pack, just as birds organise to beat off the enemy, so primitive man was compelled to combine with his fellows in order to strengthen his capacity for struggling against animal enemies, and to co-ordinate his efforts in the great task of conquering Nature.

A tool according to Marx is a simple machine for concentrating energy on a given point. Many animals use branches of trees, stones, shells, etc., as tools. Thus man is not the only tool-using animal. The tools which animals use are **fashioned by nature;** those which man uses are **made by him** in a certain way for a definite purpose. Thus, while the animal **uses** the tool as provided by nature, man **makes** the tool for a particular labor process. The animal using the tool as made by nature "cannot rise beyond the means provided by nature." Man, by his conscious activity, makes the tool and uses it, and "opposes himself to nature as one of her own forces. By thus acting on the external world and changing it, he at the same time changes his own nature." He alone among the creatures of the earth is able to produce the means of production. Thus he creates the "vital spark" which separates him from the animal kingdom. He sees clearly his line of descent from the animals, but with his ability to produce tools he looks at his lowly ancestors as across a chasm. As toolmaker he founds the kingdom of Man—the social kingdom.

Prof. Lester Ward, criticising Spencer, emphasises the fact that the inventive faculty "has the chief place in sociology. It is the one that has produced nearly all the effects that distinguish man from the animal. But for it he could never have migrated and peopled the earth. It is the basis of all the arts. It underlies all discovery in science. It has accomplished the whole of what is called material civilisation."

Thus Wm. Paul (in his book, "The State)" on tools:—Now comes along the capitalist or his hired journalists—the leader writers of the "Age" or "Herald," "whose business is to destroy the truth, to lie outright, to pervert, to vilify to fawn at the feet of Mammon, and to sell his race and country for his daily bread." These tools and vassals of rich men behind he scenes; these jumping-jacks who dance when capitalists pull the strings; whose talents, whose possibilities and whose live are all the property of the employing class. These intellectual prostitutes come along and deny that the workers produce all value. They tell us that Capital is also a Producer of Value.

HOW? Does Capital produce value as an apple tree produces apples?

Capital is but a tool. Capital is really the factories, machines and all tools of production used by the owners to exploit the propertyless (proletarian) wage workers. The wage worker must gain access to these (social) tools of production in order to produce value. But, look ye, remember this, the tools produce nothing of themselves. The worker must be put to work the tools before value can be produced.

All capital is but the sum total of the previous production of the workers.

Those who worked alone produced the tools—produced Capital.

"Give us the proofs. Put the facts in our hands. Let us see your theory work." Such are the pertinent cries of the worker.

When a strike or lock-out is on, the production of value ceases. No wheels turn, no tools are worked, no value is created.

Certainly a section of the workers who are traitors to their mates and their class, SCABS, or "Loyalists"—call them any dam thing you like—continue to produce a little. But this does not alter the proof. That should Labor—should the workers cease to work, no value is produced.

Capital instead of producing and increasing, commences to decrease. Tools commence to rust. Decay sets in.

Is not this proof positive that Labor Alone Produces ALL Value? YES, most certainly it is.

The outstanding feature is merely this. The capitalists legally **own** the tools. This ownership is merely a legal and constitutional ownership of the sum-total of all previous ROBBERIES of the workers by the exploiting master class.

Workers, if you will be free, if you would emanciapte yourselves from degradation and the thraldom of wage-slavery with its periods of unemployment and divorcement from the tools of production—access to which you **must** have in order to live; if you would free yourselves, YOU must organise to Get POSSESSION of the Tools of Production, the Fields, Mines, and Factories.

You Workers produced these Tools. Why not OWN them.

As Thomas Carlyle, in a famous passage of "Sartor Resartus," says:—"Man is a tool-using animal. Weak in himself, and small of stature, he stands on a basis, at most for the flattest soled, of some half square foot, insecurely enough, he has to straddle out his legs lest the very wind supplants him. Feeblest of bipeds; three quintals are a crushing load for him; the steer of the meadow tosses him aloft like a waste rag. Nevertheless he can use tools, can make tools. With these the granite mountains melt into light dust before him; he kneads glowing iron as if it were soft paste; seas are his smooth highways; winds and fires his unwearying steed. Nowhere do we find him without tool; **without tools he is nothing, with tools he is all.**" It is this fact regarding the overwhelming power of tools on human development, that strikes the keen student of social science.

Tools are the most important factor in the history of the human race; they are the basis of all social life; they are the basis of all real history; they bridged the chasm over which man passed in his march from the natural kingdom to the social kingdom.

Workers, organise into One Great Union—The Workers' International Industrial Union—to gain Possession of the Tools of Production, by Revolutionary Industrial Organisation backed up and strengthened by Revolutionary Political Action.

One Big Union

ACTIVITIES AT THE TRADES HALL AND ELSEWHERE.

By Wm. E. GAY.

A few years ago I became interested in the social problems confronting the working class, and in a short time realised the futility of the craft form of organisation. After the big ironworkers' strike of 1914 I joined the I.W.W., and began to study working class literature, with the result that the late De Leon's and other writing and speeches forced upon me that it was and is futile to reject political action. Thereupon I dropped out of the I.W.W. after some three or four months' membership, and joined the A.S.P., which advocates industrial unionism instead of the antiquated craft unionism.

In 1916 members of the A.S.P. and others decided to form a local of the W.I.I.U. and since then two other locals have been formed in Victoria, with the idea of organising the workers on correct lines.

Since then there has arisen a new organisation at the Trades Hall, namely, the Workers' Industrial Union.

This organisation is doing everything humanly possible to organise the workers on correct industrial lines. After a number of conferences, delegates from all the different craft unions decided to go straight ahead and educate the great mass of workers here in N.S. Wales, and if possible all over Australia. With that end in view special summons meetings of the crafties have been called and addressed by various delegates.

Last Sunday, 29th September, the Federated Ironworkers had such a meeting and were addressed by Messrs. Geo. Burns and A. Rutherford, of the W.I.U. conference. Mr. Clancy, the president, occupied the chair. The members were addressed for over two hours, and propaganda leaflets entitled "We can and we will own the workshops," "Industrial Unionism," also matter relative to Industrial Unionism explaining how they can organise in not more than six departments of industry.

Many questions were asked and answered, and a motion was carried unanimously, pledging the members to support the scheme as decided upon by the One Big Union Conference.

In conclusion, I say that at the present juncture, it is the duty of every intelligent worker to push forward this scheme by attending the meetings; and also that to embarrass the committee whilst they are doing such good work is nothing short of a betrayal of the working class.

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"We appeal, therefore, earnestly to the skilled artisans of all trades, unionists and non-unionists alike, to make common cause with their unskilled brothers, so that the workers may themselves take hold of the means of production, and organise a co-operative commonwealth for themselves and their children."—H. M. Hyndman, 1887.

The capitalist class doesn't need a change of heart so much as the working clas sneeds a change of head.

The prayer of Capitalism: Give us this day our daily dividends.

This war makes a fitting grand finale to that long-drawn out tragedy called capitalism.

Capitalism dies hard. But there is one satisfaction—it will be a long time dead.

Life insurance under Socialism will be the kind that you won't have to die to get.

When a workingman has a wooden leg he finds it hard to get along, but he seems to get along all right with a wooden head.

Housewife: If you love work, as you say, why don't you find it? Hobo: Love is blind, you know, mum.

When everybody works there will be less work for everybody to do.

It is true that the capitalists have the press, the pulpits and the schools at their command to misinstruct the public mind. Of these the press at least is a concious hireling agency. Against all these Socialism has a noble army of volunteer workers on its side together with social developments that override all capitalistic arguments.

Mrs. Parker :Now, young man, why aren't you at the front? Young man (milking cow): 'Cos there ain't any milk that end, missus! We don't want to moralise on a good joke, but it strikes us that is why many members of the Recruiting Committee are not at the front, 'cos there ain't any milk at that end of the recruiting business!

One of the Bolshevik revelations of the doings of the Foreign Office of Russia under the old regime is one concerning the great zeal manifested for the Czar's regime by certain great French newspapers. It appears now that the "Petit Journal" and "Le Figaro" had a standing order from the Czar's Government for 10,000 subscriptions to the paper. But they only posted one copy to Russia.

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The International Outlaws!

Who are they?

By JAYBES.

Reuter, Sunday.

"The American Government has sent suggestions to the Allied and neutral nations which, if accepted, will proclaim the Bolsheviks International Outlaws."

International Outlaws, forsooth! America suggests it, ye gods! What next? Listen ye of my class who are apt to be misled with this mental cobweb process applied to your brain by the harlot journalists of plutocracy. I will give you a few fat facts to think over in your leisure moments.

The Commissioner of Labor in the U.S., Chas. P. Neill had a report prepared on the atrocities committed by the steel trust. They now appear in Senate document 521, 61st Congress, 2nd session: The facts contained therein should cause every thinking man whether he be Allied or neutral to proclaim the United States of America as the most barbarian nation on earth. None of the workers worked less than 57 hours a week and the majority of them worked from 72 to 92 hours per week and received from 10 to 20 cents per hour. This, remember in a country that is considered a "free democracy."

In New York City for the year 1910 (a year of unequalled prosperity (?) we find, according to the "Bulletin" of the Department of Labor." New York State, 18.5 per cent. of the wage workers unemployed.

We find, too, from the "Census volume on Occupation," that there are 1,750,178 children employed in the mills and factories of the United States, male and female.

New York has 12,910 dependent children in the boroughs of Bronx and Manhattan alone.

Out of the surplus value of the working class 153 million dollars worth of luxuries were imported into the U.S. to please parasitism, while the dependent children lived on husks.

In "railway employees killed," America leads the list with 1 in every 421 and 19 injured, while in Russia, even in the ex-Czar's time, only 1 in every 1,180 were killed, owing to the greater protection of human life, and Austria is at the bottom of the list with 1 killed in every 2,205.

In 1910 58 oil miners were killed in the mines of the U.S. in one mine alone, and I remember it all too well, at Cherry, Ill., 266 lives were lost owing to lack of protection.

Chas. M. Schwab holds one track of coke lands valued at 60 million dollars.

The Standard Oil Co. counts among its assets more than a million acres of oil lands. The lumber companies under the control of Frederick Wayerhauser (he is a patriotic American like his co-robber Schwab) owns 30 million acres of timber land.

One American land thief by the name of Henry Miller owns an area two thirds as large as the whole of Ireland.

Forty per cent. of the American farmers are working land for which they pay rent. In 1900 there were 6,180,069 illiterates in the United States (statistical abstract). In 1908 there were 600,000 wage slaves killed in American industry, when compared with the Russo-Jap war there were 325,000 killed.

According to "McClure's Magazine," April, 1907, "Out of the 230,000 prostitutes in the United States three-fourths of them are snared and trapped, bought and sold.

I could go on indefinitely, but you might get sick when you read the list. If this was presented to you and you were told that the Russian Bolshevik were the cause of it all you would want to pick up a gun and go out for scalps. This is the outcome of capitalism, the REAL INTERNATIONAL OUTLAW, and the only outlaw that affects the working class. The Bolshevik are out to abolish the system that cause those atrocities and those who are fighting against the Bolsheviki are out to perpetuate them.

In the name of common sense, fellow-worker, which side are YOU on?

Slams and Jabs.

By JAYBES.

Some men, even those in the Socialist movement, seem to be of the opinion that the working class movement advances and then retires again. The history of the social organism is a gradual growth ever upward and onward; never backward. Sometimes it may seem that there is a backward trend, but a conclusion drawn from this surface view is both superficial and unscientific. The tendency is always up the spiral course. We cannot evolve backwards.

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If a revolutionary unionist belongs to the job trust controlling his particular craft or trade, called a craft union, and at its meetings puts up the philosophy of Revolutionary Unionism and exposes the weakness and infirmities of craft unionism he is looked upon as a "Borer from within." Some have the courage to tell us that this method has proved successful, thereby proving that the tactics of Daniel De Leon has been "dispelled forever." Had the Revolutionary Unionist been content with this "boring from within" attitude without having also "BORED from without" he would indeed have been a voice crying out in the social wilderness. Whatever becomes of the Sydney "One Big Union" scheme we can say with conscious pride that the revolutionary propaganda done on the outside has in a great measure forced the issue with the craft unionists, and if the Sydney scheme succeeds, as we sincerely hope it will, it will be because there is a strong outside force, standing clear, uncompromising, revolutionary and scientific ON THE OUTSIDE. With a strong membership in the W.I.I.U. it would ensure success through pressure, to the Sydney scheme, and would strengthen the hand of those class-conscious men who are really sincere. Even if the W.I.I.U. did not function it would be the means of seeing that the other functioned correctly.

To wait for the "Intellectual Revolution" is like looking for radium in banana skins. Revolutions have their roots in material needs and the MATERIAL NEED of the hour is Socialism. With the overthrow of Capitalism and the institution of Socialism the workers will undoubtedly become more enlightened, because there will be no ruling class to subject them and misinform them, but to think that we must wait until a revolution takes place in the mind of the Proletariat before capitalism can be abolished is as ludicrous as it is stupid.

With the development of the tool of production so will society develop, and the next inevitable step is SOCIALISM.

Revolutionary Industrial Unionism IS NOT the products of "minds." It is a product of ECONOMIC NECESSITY. The movement, necessitated by economic development, produces the minds and not the movement. To reason otherwise is putting the cart before the horse, and shows a inclination toward the "great man theory," which all Socialists have discarded.

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Socialism means "INDUSTRIAL DEMOCRACY." It means scientific organisation; it means co-operative effort in industry; it means the elimination of all unnecessary labor; it means that all who are able to do some useful work shall do so. This being so when is the best time to start, and where? Listen, brother! The politician can't vote you into Socialism, no matter whether he calls himself a Socialist or a Labor Fakir. Even if the whole Australian Parliament was filled with Socialists you wouldn't have Socialism unless you were correspondingly strong on the industrial field. The time to lay the foundation for Socialism is NOW. The way to lay the foundation for Socialism is to organise into a Revolutionary Industrial Union so that when you do gain revolutionary political power for the purpose of abolishing the political State you will be prepared to carry on the Industrial Republic of Labor through your scientific organisations industrially. That is the aim of the revolutionary Socialist and these are his tactics, if you are in accord your place is in the W.I.I.U.

A Revolutionary Socialist who stays out of a revolutionary industrial organisation either does not understand the meaning of revolutionary socialism or he is a balloon-juice peddler, or a little of both. The INDUSTRIAL is the movement from which the political must draw its strength so the place for revolutionary socialists is in the W.I.I.U. and help blaze the trail for Labor's Republic.

Pretty phrases and flowery metaphors may look well in Parliamentary orations, specially prepared for "Hansard," but to reach the working class we must use phrases around the "bread and butter" question. What the average worker wants to know is "HOW CAN I BETTER MY CONDITIONS; WHAT WILL I HAVE TO DO TO BE ABLE TO HAVE MORE OF THE GOOD THINGS OF LIFE?" To that question there is but one answer: Organise Industrially, brother! Organise for the overthrow of capitalism, and as you grow the capitalist class will grant to you the things you are now begging for in the hope that he may stop the increasing discontent. If you organise to DEMAND THE LOT your conditions will daily grow better through your daily demanding more wages and less hours. The Industrial Union will get you "THE GOODS."

The Melbourne "Herald" tells us: "That the power of the Bolshevik in Russia is rapidly waning has been indicated in many recent cable messages."

Perhaps you and I, brother, will be better judges of this if we go over a few of the "Recent cable messages."

Here are a few of them:—

"The Allied forces have been forced to retire from Baku, the Caspian seaport owing to the growing strength of the Bolshevik."—United Cable Service.

"Latest news received in London shows that the Czecho-Slovaks are very hard pressed; the Bolshevik have occupied Volsk, Simbrisk, and Kazan, capital of the Government of that name."

Reuter, London, Friday, Sept. 21st.

"There are about 18,000 Bolbseviks between the Czechs in the neighbourhood of Ekaterinburg and General Poole's forces at Archangel."

Reuter, Sept. 21st.

"There are forces numbering 100,000 Bolsheviks engaged against the Czechs."

Reuter, Sept. 23rd.

"The Soviet Government has requested British representatives to leave Russia at once."

NEED WE SAY MORE?

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The capitalist class of America are demonstrating the necessary tactics that the Proletarian Revolutionist will have to use once he comes into power. In Chicago they are hunting up the "slackers" by means of motor cars and police. What is meant by a slacker under capitalism is one of these stupid Socialists who doesn't believe he has anything to fight for and refuses to fight or dragged into the army. But with the Social Revolution terms will alter and it will then read: "A slacker is one who lives on the toil of others and does no productive work." I hope I am chosen to hunt for these kind of "slackers," for in "THE DRIVE" (as the capitalists call it) I won't miss one of them, even if I am forced to pull 'em out of their lair by the side whiskers. Won't that be joyful? Don't forget working class "slacker," your day for "slacker" hunting is yet to come.

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The assassins in the ranks of reaction have attempted the murder of Leon Trotsky, the Bolshevik Commissary for Military Affairs. We are pleased to be able to report that they failed, and that Trotsky is still a power in that powerful working class movement.

The Bolshevik Red Guard were recently put to terrible tortures by the Imperialistic forces in the Ukraine. Now we find that the capitalist class of the Ukraine asking assistance from their capitalist brethren all over the world. If the capitalist class go to their assistance on their own there will be nothing to fear. We only fear that there are sufficient lone-headed workers who will assist the capitalists.

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The real pro-German force in Russia is

A Mooney Day.

By WYATT JONES.

Tom Mooney is to be executed on Friday morning, the 13th of December next. Great protests have poured in by the workers of United States, and also of other countries. If something is not done, and done in a drastic manner, Tom Mooney is going to hang.

It has been proved, and proved in an unmistakable manner, that Mooney is the victim of a capitalist conspiracy, fraudulently convicted by paid police spies, gun-men and California big boodlers. What are you going to do about it?

Are you content that the execution should take place? It is your business, and his life or death lies in your keeping.

So great has been the pressure brought to bear by united labor in America and elsewhere, that the hanging of Tom Mooney, which was to have occurred long ago, has been deferred until December next.

The blood lust of Labor's enemies has not yet been glutted. The ghouls wait hungrily for their victim. Are you prepared to sacrifice your comrade?

A Federal inquiry was conducted investigating the case. It was proved at the inquiry that a frame-up had taken place, and that Mooney's innocence was established. But Capitalism must have its victims, if not in one way, then in another. And so our comrade is condemned to death. On the pretext of examining the mass of court evidence and briefs the Governor of California has reprieved Mooney until Friday, the 13th day of December.

A Mooney Day must be held throughout the length and breadth of Australia. A united protest from Australia must be launched, voicing with unmistakable horror and indignation the outrage of this crime and blot upon civilisation.

A bomb was thrown in a procession. Capitalism must have a victim, or victims, and Tom Mooney, being prominent as an agitator for the freedom of his class, was greedily seized upon by his business.

The master class are continually hatching plots and intrigues to ensnare the spokesmen of Labor; they have imprisoned Gene Debs, Bill Haywood and numerous working class exponents. If ever there was a time when Australian labor needed awakening it is here and now. This tragedy must be stopped. Let us act right now.

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Big Business Howls.

For Downfall of Labor Republic.

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WOULD SUBSTITUTE CAPITALIST POLITICAL STATE.

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By J. A. DAWSON.

The capitalists of the United States, speaking through the political party of big business—the Republican Party—at the Convention at Saratoga, New York on July 19, drew up the following as the party's manifesto:

"We have faith in the Russian people. We urge that there be sent at once to their relief (?) an economic mission, together with an allied army, protect it from misunderstanding and unnecessary (?) opposition by an explicit public declaration as to its purposes and plans. We believe that only in this way can the Russian people be saved from absorption by Germany, and given opportunity freely to organise their own republican form of government." After this declaration in favor of "opportunity freely to organise **their own** form of government," the manifesto goes on to lay down rules to the Russians as to the form of government they should adopt: Listen to this: "on the tried and tested foundations of public order, individual liberty, and **private property.**"

Could anything be more impudent, coming from the employing class of America speaking to the workers of Russia?

The "tried and tested foundations" of the American capitalist Republic is not one conducive to "public order," nor "individual liberty." There are millions of wage slaves on the bread line and in abject poverty in U.S.A.

When workers try to improve their condition of life, they are shot down like dogs, as witness the Ludlow massacre of men, women and children. Also the capitalist class has its own army of gunmen to intimidate the workers. Also there are ten thousand known prostitutes in the city of Chicago alone, our sisters forced to a life of vice in order to earn a living in the land of "individual liberty."

O Liberty! how long shall thy name be prostituted? How long shall the hideous hag of capitalist "order" and morality masquerade under thy name? How long shalt thou dwell upon the far horizon?

Come, Liberty, come down and live among the sons of men!

Under thy inspiration, O Liberty, the workers of Russia are dealing with the villain—Germany. The capitalistic dailies give news of Germany retiring from Russia. We believe that there is much truth in the statement, garbled as it is by the daily lying press. A report from Amsterdam, July last, throws an interesting sidelight on this matter. Germany issued a prohibition against emigration to Russia. "The tax-ridden population of Germany is desirous of emigrating and settling in the Ukraine, where it is believed farming conditions are easier and taxation will be lighter. A warning has been issued against this proposed emigration," says the correspondent to the New York "Times." "It is pointed out that no permission will be given by the Government authorities for a long time to persons who wish to emigrate.

Moreover, it is added, public security, i.e., safety for the German exploiters, in the Ukraine still is very bad, and the popular feeling there is so anti-German that the Germans in that country are anxious to get back to Germany."

So much for the "virtual absorption by Germany." There is very little fear of that. If Germany cannot absorb the Ukraine, what hope has she of absorbing Russia proper?

The manifesto of the Pepublic Party referred to at the top of this article also states: "There are no classes in the United States. And those who attempt to create classes and urge them to be antagonistic to each other are not believers in a republic."

We say, Hear, Hear! to that last sentence. Capitalism creates classes. This is a real fact, and no urging to antagonism is necessary as strikes and lockouts conclusively prove that there is no identity of interest between the class who own everything but do not toil, and the class who do all the toiling but own nothing.

The conditions of production themselves create antagonism. We certainly are no believers in a **political** republic that stands for the perpetuation of such social injustice. What we do believe in is a **Industrial** Republic, with democratic control from the actual workers in industry. The Republican Party's manifesto, referring to Labor, says our "programme is one of destruction, not construction, of reaction, not progress." We say, **Liars!**

Our programme is one of progress and construction. The building up of Real Industrial Democracy. This implies, of course, the destruction of the political form of the State, but such action means real progress. The Republicans reassert their belief "in the equality of all men and women before the law, and in equality of opportunity.

We believe in free government, not in class conflict or in privilege." Then why in hell are they upholding capitalism? This is not sincerity, it is election hog-wash to delude Labor.

An example of "individual liberty" is extracted from the N.Y. "Times" of July 20. It is as follows:

"The Rev. Edward W. Heinlein, priest of the Roman Catholic Church of Our Lady of Victory in Mt. Vernon, through his failure to toll the church bell last night in celebration of the victory of the Americans in France created a small riot, and had it not been for the arrival of a squad of soldiers he might have been more harshly dealt with than he was.

"Not only was the church bell tolled eventually, but the priest was compelled to kiss the stars and stripes, which had been nailed to the front door of the rectory by a patriotic citizen.

"Chief of Police Foley escorted the priest to the station for safety, where he remained for the night.

"Mayor Brush yesterday afternoon ordered that all the church bells in the city be rung at 7 o'clock to celebrate the American victory. Every church bell was tolled with the exception of that of the Church of Our Lady of Victory, and a crowd soon gathered and demanded to know why the bell had not been rung. The crowd grew large and demonstrative, and soon the police were sent for to preserve order. Two policemen finally went into the church and the bell was rung.

"Some one nailed the flag to the door and ordered the priest to kiss it. He was so long in obeying that the crowd stormed past the police, and mauled the priest about the porch before the police, with the aid of soldiers, who also had been summoned, took the priest in hand."

Of course, it was in a worthy cause—hence no one was punished for violating law and order in the land of "individual liberty."

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expressed in the class the Bolsheviki have overthrown—the late ruling class. To prove this we need but draw attention to the cable of Sept. 22nd, (Reuter) which reads as follows:—

"M. Miliukoff, a former Minister and leader of the Cadets, i.e., Constitutional Democrats, has formed a new party, which aims at establishing a constitutional, pro-German monarchy."

I must repeat, at the risk of being tiresome, that the Bolsheviki of Russia are **PRO-WORKING CLASS** and **ANTI-CAPITALIST CLASS** and nothing more.

Approach Socialism through the road of prejudice and you land in the swamp of ignorance.

A Price for Motherhood.

Gay Life on the Baby Bonus.

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By MARCIA.

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Some years ago the Labor (?) Party introduced the Maternity Bonus, and its followers have never ceased lauding its action to the skies; they had a real dinkum reform at last, a Baby Bonus!

Indeed, Australia is a splendid place for the workers, a real land of Canaan, overflowing with milk and honey, old age pensions, invalid pensions, and, above all, a £5 vote for every woman who brings a **living** child into the world.

This great reform, along with the War Precautions Act and the Illegal Associations Bill, will no doubt mark the Labor Party of Australia for ever as being a true solid organisation out for the real improvement of working class conditions.

However, our main object is to deal with an article which appeared in the "Evening News," 25/9/18.

It states:—

"The Federal Government's financial proposals are to include some modification of the maternity bonus, which is at present costing £600,000 annually, and it is anticipated that the system will be modified so as to make it applicable, not to all who claim to come inside it, but to those of a certain income."

Apparently then, costly as it is, the scheme is not having the desired effect. Let us uote further from the "Evening News":—

"Even without the financial tension caused by the war, it was inevitable that some drastic reform would need to be made in the maternity bonus system. As it stands, it is a crude method, which pours out money without any certainty that the **objectives of the policy** will be attained. In some cases, no doubt, the money is wisely used; but in a large number of instances it has been a direct incitement to extravagance and waste. One reason of this is that very many people have a habit of distinguishing between the money that has cost them an effort and that which has come to them, as it were, out of the skies. Money picked up in the street, or won on the tote, is apt to be spent more quickly and more unwisely than that which comes in the form of wages. To many persons the maternity bonus means money that can be wasted; very few people take it and use it in the spirit which prompted the community to give it."

The objectives of its policy, what are they?

It is, of co urse, a well known fact that the expenses attending child birth in Australia are very great; and the fees must be guaranteed for the doctor before he will undertake a case; then there is the nurse to be considered, and a thousand and one other items which the average woman understands and knows of, only too well.

Consequently, most working class women are obliged to go to the Women's Hospital and there give birth to their children. However good the treatment received, it is a vastly different matter from being ill in one's own home.

In the latter a woman is mistress, she pays for treatment, and can give her own orders and carry out her own ideas; whereas she is only one of hundreds in a hospital, and must take her turn and do as she is told.

Surely it is enough to make our indignation too great for words, almost, when we think of the difference between the treatment of the mothers in the two classes.

The capitalist's wife command every attention; with her, child birth may have its fullest significance, but the women of the people are herded together like sheep, and allowing they get proper treatment, which is not always the case, the sacred function of maternity is looked upon much the same as when somebody says "the cat has kittens."

All these difficulties, added to the fact of the hardship and struggle necessary to rear children, were making themselves felt among the workers, and the birth rate declined, so the capitalist class, as an impetus to spur the womenhood of Australia to breed more wage slaves, offered them a bonus of £5 for every living child they bore.

Notice it is a LIVING child; so that although the expense is quite as much, if not more, seeing that with the birth of a still-born or a sickly child, complications often ensue; still the mothers do not get a penny, unless the baby lives for a certain number of days at least.

This fact points to the main objective of the policy.

More wage slaves are required.

But the ostensible reason for the introduction of the bonus was that the mothers should have a few comforts, to enable them to grow strong quickly, and at the same time be in a better condition to bring up and nurse the child.

What extra comforts do the majority of them get?

Some of the mothers spent the money on doctor and nurse instead of going into a hospital, and those who go to the latter and rely upon having the money for a start when they come out, are sadly disappointed. The hospital authorities claim the greater part of it, and in most cases get what they demand.

Some institutions actually take the whole, and that is the "direct incitement to etravagance and waste." Fancy £5 on luxuries! What a riotous debauch we could have on such a sum, especially in these times.

Hospitals are capitalist institutions; they are necessities, which must be kept up in order to attend to the wage slaves' health, so that recruits may be available for the labor market.

The capitalist is forced to uphold them, whether he likes it or not, and so giving the bonus and getting it back per medium of the hospital is like giving something with the right hand and taking it back with the left.

It is NOT necessary for the workers to support the hospitals, and yet that is where the bonus is mostly "wasted."

In any case, however, we cannot but see the irony of the position.

We, as workers, are robbed of at least two-thirds of what we produce, and when the master class adds insult to injury by offering an infinitesmal part of its ill-gotten gains, as a bribe to those it has exploited, in order to ensure a future supply of workers to exploit, the slaves are accused of spending this most munificent donation in "**extravagance and waste,**" and in consequence measures are to be taken to modify such shameless expenditure by reducing or taking away the vast amount allowed as a bonus. The article in the "News" continues:

"The waste of infant life in Australia is prodigious. From the viewpoint of vital social policy, the question of the dissipation of parental ignorance and carelessness is a more important matter even than the war. The war will end some day, but, unless Australia succeeds in educating its fathers and mothers, the slaughter of the innocents will continue, and will cause a much greater loss of life than even the guns and brutalities of the enemy have inflicted upon our people. The maternity bonus was an honest but misguided attempt to deal with the problem; but the experiment has failed, and the ground should be cleared for the intelligent, scientific treament of the case. The present system was based on the ingenuous theory that evils caused by ignorance and poverty could be cured by the giving of money; whereas ignorance can be cured only by education and the practical work of better method, and poverty can be cured only by the increase of efficiency in the individual and the community. It is to be hoped, therefore, that Federal Government, in reforming the maternity bonus system, will do so with a clear view towards the creation of a scientific system for counsel and intelli-

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A PRICE FOR MOTHERHOOD.

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gent help for mothers, and for the preservation of infant life.

We quite agree that the "waste of infant life is prodigious," and deplore it as we have ever done, and we agree that it is a matter of immense importance, and that is why we are trying to open the eyes of the workers to the only solution of the problem.

"Educate!" says the "News." On what lines?" may we ask.

It is no use learning theories, if we are never to get the chance of putting them into practice.

All the education in the world will not prevent sickly babies and infant mortality, so long as economic conditions oblige mothers to work in factories or suffer want and privations **before** the child is born, and for the same reasons be unable to feed it naturally AFTER it is born.

It is interesting to note the remedies offered for ignorance and poverty.

Surely, ignorance can only be cured by education, education on class lines, education whereby the worker learns his true position, and how to gain his emancipation.

As for poverty being cured, "only by the use of efficiency, etc." Well, when we have got the workers educated as stated above, we will soon get rid of poverty, for the enlightened wage slave will realise that the only way to abolish that hated and miserable state of affairs is to take over the tools of industry and produce for use instead of profit.

Let us, therefore, instead of relying on our friend, the Federal Government, rely for once on ourselves.

Organise to abolish the wretched system and its sham reform.

We want no bribes to bring children into the world as slaves. We **want** the world itself for us and our children, and nothing less than that will we accept.

ADELAIDE.

There was a large gathering at the special meeting of the Social Democratic League on September 28th, and the proposed constitution was adopted. Adelaide has now a Socialist Party worth calling such. All meetings are well attended, and paper sales are on the up grade. We have now a fair stock of literature, which sells well. At Islington Workshops, where Alf. Wilson holds a meeting every Thursday, paper sales have gone up to over five dozen.

On Monday, 23rd, Alf. Wilson and E. J. Cragie, of Single Tax League debated "That Marxian Socialism will Emancipate the Workers." Cragie trotted out the usual capitalistic dope. Competition must not be abolished, and Capital and Labor ought to go hand in hand. "Under Socialism," said Cragie, "a man might be debarred from collecting old coins."

The hall, which seats between five and six hundred, was filled in every seat. Herbert Heaton, of W.E.A., occupied the chair.

A letter and proposed Federal Constitution from V.S.P. has been received, and will be considered at our next business meeting.

Press Correspondent.

CAPITALISTS RATHER SUPPORT A RENEGADE "SOCIALIST."

Than by Supporting a Conservative Allow a Class Conscious Socialist to gain Seat in Congress.

New York "Times" in an editorial says of the lone "Socialist" in Congress —Meyer London, representative of the Twelfth N.Y. Congressional District— that: "If the choice were between him and a candidate favored by the Central Socialist Committee that so bitterly denounced him (for his lack of internationalism and pro-war attitude) his success were much to be desired."

The Socialist Party has discovered that its wobbly attitude and compromising to catch votes has resulted in a wobbly and compromising "Socialist" member. Because the Socialist Party has woke up and demanded that a real class conscious Socialist shall have their support at next election, and has held a meeting of the Socialist Party Central Committee to consider whether or not it should support Mr. London as a candidate for re-election at which many reasons for relegating him to obscurity were presented with passionate eloquence, the New York "Times" says: "Although no fervent admirer of Mr. London, the possibility we cannot afford to ignore is that the Twelfth District has a heavy Socialist vote, and might send a worse man to Congress," i.e., a more staunch Socialist. Hence is prepared to now support Meyer London, "renegade" to Labor.

A. S. P.

NEWS AND NOTES.

BARRIER BRANCH.

Branch activities have taken a decided step forward during the past few weeks. Membership has increased to an appreciable extent.

The members of the Barrier Russian Association have decided to link up with the Barrier Branch, realising that the A.S.P. is the only scientific revolutionary organisation with which they could associate their activities. It is to be hoped that this move will be followed by a similar linking up wherever the Russian Association exists as a separate organisation.

We have to congratulate our Russian comrades on their decision. It stands as an object lesson to those apathetic wage-slaves who believe in the inevitability of Socialism, but who are not prepared to do anything material towards their emancipation. It is well to remember that while the workers of other countries were wailing about "Red Russia," and paying little or no heed to their own miserable conditions, the Russian workers were educating, organising, and preparing the way for the most stupendous revolution that the world has known.

Sunday week, Com. A. Sommer delivered an interesting lecture, taking as his subject, "Criminology." The lecturer dealt exhaustively with the result of the observations and scientific investigations made by Lombroso, his daughter, Mrs. Ferrero, and Prof. Enrico Ferri, the prominent representatives of the positive School of Criminology.

During the lecture the speaker explained that attavism, epilepsy, and passion, together with environment, are mostly the causes of crime, the first three being hereditary. This fact is not generally recognised by the courts. The criminal man is treated as a person fully responsible for his actions, while in reality he is only following an irresistible, inborn desire to do evil. The anatomical and physical indications of attavism were fully dealt with, also the ways and means of preventing and curing crime and criminals.

Last Sunday a novel way of lecturing was introduced to the Broken Hill public.

Com. Bill Thomas lectured on the War of Industry, supported by a series of fine pictures shown through a lantern worked by Com. A. Sommer. The hall was packed full, the audience following with great interest both the speaker's remarks and the pictures.

The lecturer dealt with the danger attached to the chemical industry, particularly with the manufacture of sulphure and its by-products, and the manufacture of alkalis.

The men and women employed in these industries are subject to hideous diseases. Working even under the best conditions these occupations make the workers' life a slow suicide, due to the inhalation of poisonous gasses and chemical dust particles.

The question of woman in industry was dealt with at some length. Illustration was made of the fact that women entering the lead industry in England are severely poisoned or die within four to six months.

The lecture was a success, and will be repeated at the Mechanics' Institute, in South Broken Hill next Sunday night.

On Sunday morning Comrade H. J. Smith will lecture on "Ethics and History," and an interesting speech is assured.

REMOS.

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Nov. 10.—C. J. JOYCE: "The Evolution of Morals."

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